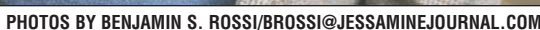


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Jessamine County Schools energy manager John Clemons, second from left, accepted the stewardship award from the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools Feb. 3 in Louisville.

Jess. schools recognized for energy management

Journal staff report
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Jessamine County Schools was one of 47 Kentucky districts recognized at an event earlier this month for their energy-saving initiatives since January 2011.

The Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools (KEEPS) banquet was Friday, Feb. 3, in Louisville and coincided with the Kentucky School Boards Association annual conference.

Energy-savings efforts in Jessamine County schools are coordinated by John Clemons, a school energy manager the district hired in July 2010 as part of KSBA's School Energy Managers Project (SEMP). Clemons also works with the Woodford County school district.

Jessamine County received a stewardship award and is in line to get a champion award from KEEPS, Clemons said.

"It's just a sign that we're heading in the right direction and there are a lot of good

things going on," Clemons said.

A report from Clemons estimated nearly \$17,000 in energy-cost avoidance in electric and natural-gas bills for December 2011 as compared to December 2009. He has estimated a total cost avoidance of close to \$115,000 since the inception of SEMP in 2010.

Energy teams are in place at each school to analyze the facilities' energy usage and help make behavior modifications.

KEEPS is an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded program that provides training, online resources and technical assistance to help Kentucky school districts reduce operational costs through improved energy performance. It is a free, non-regulatory program administered by the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center at the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering.

As participants in the KEEPS program, Kentucky school districts develop energy-management programs based on the

U.S. EPA Energy Star seven-step energy management process. KEEPS awards are presented to school districts that reach program development and energy performance milestones throughout the process.

The event also formally introduced the 2011 KEEPS status report, which provides an overview of the free and non-regulatory services that KEEPS offers to school districts, summarizes program activities and achievements to date, and highlights the energy use reduction of 71,869 MMBtu and avoided energy costs of more than \$4.5 million through best energy-management practices implemented by the districts in fiscal year 2011. The KEEPS status report is available to download on its website, www.kppc.org/KEEPS.

School officials tweak 2013 redistricting plans

By Jonathan Kleppinger
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While legislators argue about the new lines of their districts at the state and federal level, the Jessamine County Board of Education took a look at its own redistricting plan Monday night with much less controversy.

Paul Hamann, the district's chief operating officer, told board members about a few minor adjustments to the new school districts that would go in effect when a sixth elementary school opens in the fall of 2013.

"The area behind Walmart has been growing very rapidly, much more so than we thought," Hamann said. "What that means is that the enrollment for the new school has grown, and we had to decrease the district for the new school already."

As a result, the Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary district will push farther south than initially planned and pick up much more of the county area north of Union Mill Road.

Wilmore Elementary's district will expand past the initial 2013 boundaries, pushing east past U.S. 27 at the far south end of the county and picking up Short Shun Road. Rosenwald-Dunbar's district will also reach inside the bypass just south of the railroad crossing.

The only other changes to the initial plans for 2013 redistricting were to move 33 students who live across the street from Warner Elementary into that district; the area is currently Warner's district but had previously been planned to become

Brookside Elementary attendance area.

The Warner triangle across from the school is the only non-contiguous district in the new plan. Current boundaries have half a dozen "spot" districts that do not touch the school's main attendance area.

In the new plan, three elementary schools would feed into the West track, and three would feed into the East track. Students at Nicholasville, Rosenwald-Dunbar and Wilmore elementary schools would go to West middle and high; students at Brookside, Warner and the new elementary school would go to East middle and high.

Hamann said members of the Warner parent-teacher organization were concerned about the plan since many live in the area behind Lowe's off U.S. 27, which would move to Brookside's district in 2013. The other concern Hamann mentioned was that parents in the same area were hoping to switch from the East track to the West track in the plan; they currently would stay in East territory.

"The thing that I tried to do is I tried to look past five years," Hamann said. "I said, 'Five years from now, if somebody looks at this map, it's going to make sense,' because in five years, every child that is currently impacted will be gone from that school."

Superintendent Lu Young told the board of the other major change to the redistricting plan. The new boundaries for middle and high schools will

not take effect until the 2014-2015 school year, one year after the elementary boundaries.

"That will give us a chance to make sure all the dust settles, that we get all the kids where they need to be, that the new elementary districts work, that our east-side and west-side elementaries have the right number in them," she said. "At that point, we would move forward and say the following year, in '14-'15, the middle-school and high-school redistricting would phase in for the second year."

Students who change East/West districts but had already attended a high school in 2014 would be able to stay at their original school until graduation, according to the redistricting "grandfather clause." Elementary- and middle-school students in "exit levels" — fifth and eighth grades — would be allowed to stay at their original school for their final year. Parents of all students opting to stay at their original school would be responsible for providing transportation.

Construction began on the new elementary school off Union Mill Road in January. Young said Monday that the district would be posting the position for a new principal in October and naming that person in December. She said staffing for the school would go in the order of voluntary transfers, involuntary transfers and then new hires.

Visit www.jessaminejournal.com to view a map of the changes to the original redistricting plans.

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8th-graders learn geometry, engineering at JCTC

By Jonathan Kleppinger
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A new class this year is broadening the circle of students at Jessamine Career and Technology Center, teaching eighth-graders at the school for the first time.

Andrea O'Bryan and Kendall Kearns have been teaching the "geo/IED" class — geometry and introduction to engineering design — to about 60 students from East Jessamine Middle and West Jessamine Middle since August.

"It's a really good change of pace, because now I literally teach eighth grade through 12th grade every day, every possible age," Kearns said. "It just keeps you fresh; it keeps you engaged as a teacher to who's in your class ... You have to be kind of dynamic in your teaching."

O'Bryan originally planned to teach 30 eighth-graders by herself after going through training for engineering and thinking students also deserved a math credit for the class. She asked Kearns to help after each middle school had more than 30 students interested.

One of the biggest challenges for students is just getting to class; their parents have to get them there early each morning, 25 minutes before the normal middle-school start time and 35 minutes before high-schoolers come in the building for first block.

"The parents have to get them here at 8:15; we will get them to the schools for the rest of the day," O'Bryan said. "There's no



PHOTO BY JONATHAN KLEPPINGER/JKLEPPINGER@JESSAMINEJOURNAL.COM
West Jessamine Middle School eighth-grader Michael Murphy worked on a scale model of a project in his geometry/engineering class at Jessamine Career and Technology Center on Friday, Feb. 10. Visit jessaminejournal.com to see more photos from JCTC.

bus to pick them up, so it was a commitment on their part. We thought finding 30 kids would be hard."

Last week, students worked on a similarity unit, sketching designs of an object in real life and then creating 3-D models on

computers before building scale models.

Some East Middle eighth-graders have a leg up, having already used the Inventor software in classes at their home school.

Chris Nichols, who was working on a scale model of a pencil sharpener, said the

class has been a bit harder than his other classes at East Middle but that he's always been told he's a natural at math and engineering.

"It's more challenging than other ones, I think because I've experienced new com-

mands in this class," he said. "There's nothing really new to it; it's just that you've got to focus, and that's all every class is."

Both teachers said it took nearly the whole fall semester for the East Middle and West Middle students to warm up to each other and get used to a less-structured environment where they sometimes run between the two classrooms.

"Up until Christmas, really, it was like pulling teeth — you had to force them to interact with each other, and they hated it," O'Bryan said. "Now, they do it without even thinking about it."

Kearns said the eighth-graders have done "at least equal if not better" work than the high-schoolers in his engineering classes, but he also said there was an adjustment period.

"I think the middle-schoolers are so structured and so rigid; it takes them a while to get used to another person, and they're still more territorial over their school," he said.

The biggest barrier to adding more eighth-grade classes at JCTC is transportation, O'Bryan said, but she said she would like to see more classes spanning different subject areas and integrating core content with career and technical education. She said she and Kearns will do the same eighth-grade class next year, perhaps after a few tweaks for improvement.

"There will be a geo/IED class here in some way, shape or form — we just don't know exactly what it's going to look like," she said.

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A Jessamine County EMS ambulance was involved in an accident at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Ky. 169 on Saturday afternoon. Seven people were injured in the crash.

A1: WRECK

the front passenger-wheel area, according to the report, and then spun and slid into a black truck and a blue car stopped on Ky. 169 on the east side of the intersection.

The gold truck sustained moderate to severe damage, according to the report, and two of its four occupants were injured and transported to a Lexington hospital. The two occupants of the black truck were also injured; neither of the two people in the blue car were injured.

In the ambulance, Sparks was injured along with paramedic Amanda Moore and passenger Tina Honaker, both of Nicholasville.

A phone call Monday to Jessamine County EMS director Jerry Domidion inquiring about the crash was not returned by press time Wednesday morning.

Trial date set for Shearer

Journal staff report
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The trial date for a former jail captain charged with forgery and theft of nearly \$7,000 has been set for 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 16.

In December, a grand jury indicted Brian Shearer on 20 counts of theft by unlawful taking with a value less than \$500 and four counts of theft by unlawful taking with a value more than \$500 from the detention center.

The jury also indicted him on 15 counts of second-degree forgery.

During the course of his various jobs at the jail, Shearer allegedly stole money and committed the forgery offenses by forging information on notice of jail credit forms that were required to be filed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Administrative Office of the Court.

According to documents filed in court Dec. 9, the alleged incidents happened between July 20 and Nov. 25.

Authorities grew suspicious in November after being tipped off and began an internal investigation, county jailer Jon Saltee said. He would not specify the account(s) from where the money was taken.

After a week of investigation, there was enough probable cause to charge Shearer, Saltee said, and the case was turned over to the Kentucky State Police.

Shearer was given administrative leave without pay but soon resigned his post. He was never arrested but was served a criminal summons.

Shearer was arraigned Feb. 2 and signed an indictment for a trial date to defend against the 39 charges. Jessamine Circuit Court Judge Hunter Daugherty will preside over the trial.

A1: STATE

ed by Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington. The entirety of Jessamine County had previously been in the 39th District.

Shepherd's ruling put the old districts back in place and set a new filing deadline for last Friday, Feb. 10. An appeal to the Kentucky Supreme Court has since been filed.

Rep. Bob Damron, D-

Nicholasville, said the problem with using the old maps is that districts that have shrunk would have the same representation as districts that had grown since the last redistricting.

"Without House Bill 1, Jessamine County is not going to have the same representation on the House floor that we should have by the federal constitution, a one-person, one-vote rule," Damron said.

Nicholasville Republican Matt Lockett of Cannonball Drive filed Friday for the 39th District seat; he and Damron are the only candidates in that race, according to the Kentucky secretary of state's website.

Lockett and Damron both live in the 39th District and were not affected by House Bill 1.

Lockett was also involved in the 2010 elections, running for the Republican nomination for Kentucky's 6th District seat in

the United States House of Representatives. He lost in the primary to Andy Barr, who fell to incumbent Democrat Ben Chandler in the general election.

The change shakes up the election, as Jessamine County Republican David Thornton had registered to challenge Lee in the primary but is now back in the 39th District. Damron said he thought Thornton, who owns a business in Lexington,

would have had a chance against Lee.

"We have a candidate, David Thornton, the only Jessamine countian who was running for that seat, and he's got a legitimate chance of winning that seat in the Republican primary ... that's under House Bill 1," Damron said. "Under current districts, his right to run for that seat is taken away."

Damron said the state Supreme Court is likely to hear the appeal of Shepherd's ruling this week. He said if the appeal is granted, HB 1 districts would likely be implemented with all those who had filed for those seats by the Feb. 7 deadline.

Republicans Lee, Thornton and Chris Tyler of Lexington are the only three candidates registered for the 45th District.

A1: CONGRESS

the 2nd District along with the section of Jessamine County.

Rainwater, a Republican, said he had supported those in leadership regardless of party and thought Wilmore should have remained in a central-Kentucky district.

"Whether they wanted to cut us out because we vote strong Republican or because they don't want us in their district I don't know," he said. "I feel like that was just a cut to almost get even for the way the elections have been going."

Jessamine County Judge-Executive Neal Cassity said Tuesday that he wasn't worried

about the county having split representation. He said Jessamine County was in the 5th Congressional District and had two different state representatives when he took office.

"We didn't have any problem working with (multiple representatives) back then," he said. "I think we can work with whoever's there; I just kind of hate to see the county split."

As of Wednesday morning, Guthrie was the only Republican candidate for the 2nd District seat, with Democrat David Lynn Williams of Glasgow registered to challenge him, according to the Kentucky secretary of state's website. The bill passed last

Friday extended the filing deadline for congressional candidates until Friday, Feb. 17.

Chandler is the only Democrat who had filed for the 6th District seat as of Wednesday morning. Barr and two other Republicans — Curtis Kenimer of Paris and

Patrick J. Kelly II of Lexington — have registered for the race; Lexington's Randolph S. Vance has filed as a write-in candidate.

Editor's note: David Brock of Danville's Advocate-Messenger contributed to this story.



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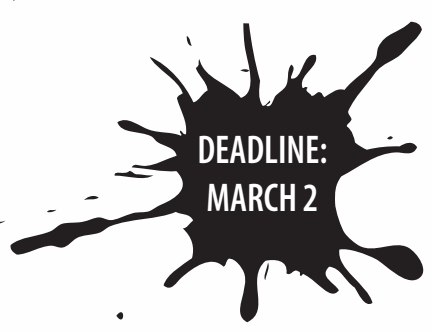



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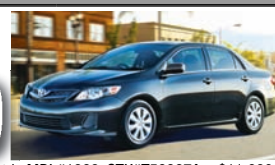
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A1: CHANDLER

“It’s so rewarding, and these guys are so appreciative,” Shelley said. “In your world, it moves so fast — you have bills, family and a job — most folks just don’t have the time.

“(But the veterans) need to know we love them and care and appreciate all their sacrifice.”

The poet, writer and filmmaker said he was stirred by an event after he’d finished shooting a movie about the brotherhood of firefighters.

Shelley said he came across the story of a Marine who had come back from Afghanistan. Upon returning, distressed and unable to get into a VA hospital, the Marine took his own life. This tragic step stirred something inside Shelley that inspired him to start visiting veterans and letting them know that no matter how old or young, their service was appreciated.

He even wrote a book and started a collection of poems.

One poem in particular is called “Thank You.” Shelley said he reads it whenever he visits veterans and that he wrote it specifically for the servicemen and women at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center.

“It pretty much tells the story of where I was at, what was going on and how I react-

*“I sat down yesterday
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— excerpt from “Thank You” by C.A. Shelley

ed to it, when all these wars were going on,” he said.

“These fellows here are the true heroes; they set things up for the rest of us. One percent of the country protects the other 99.”

Shelley said it was even more important now because so many from the World War II era are passing away and few are left.

“At 72, whatever time I have left, this is where I want to be,” he said. “I can’t get enough of this place.”

All next week, VA medical facilities across America are honoring the men and women who sacrificed for America. On the rest of his tour, Chandler also had visits planned with patients and volunteers at the Lexington VA Medical Center and the Berea Community Based Outpatient Clinic this week.



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U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler greeted the staff of Thomson-Hood Veterans Center staff in Wilmore and visited with residents Monday afternoon.

Jessamine sheriff’s reports

- Lawrence Miller, 39, 100 Twilight Ave., was arrested Jan. 24 at 101 Lee Dean Circle and charged with public intoxication, controlled substance.
- James R. Johns, 58, 730 Campground Lane, Wilmore, was arrested Feb. 1 at that address and charged with first-degree wanton endangerment.
- Patresia A. Young, 46, 121 Ashley Way, Danville, was arrested Feb. 7 at the intersection of East Main Street and Butler Boulevard and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, and driving with no insurance.
- Eric J. Corman, 32, 9126 Harrodsburg Road, Wilmore, was arrested Feb. 8 at that address and charged with

- fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest and two counts of terroristic threatening.
- Timmy Coleman, 53, 113 MacArthur Court, was arrested Feb. 9 at 15 Bessie Way and charged with violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.
- Camelio H. Martinez, no age listed, 1880 Clear Creek Road, was arrested Feb. 13 at the intersection of South Elkhorn Road and Cambridge Lane and charged with alcohol intoxication.
- Javier Cruz, 32, 1880 Clear Creek Road, was arrested Feb. 13 at the intersection of South Elkhorn Road and Cambridge Lane and charged with driving with no operator’s license, possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle, and alcohol intoxication.



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- Mervil Spencer Jr. and Ronald Stinnett, receiving stolen property; two counts firearm; two counts tampering with physical evidence.
- James Pemberton III, leaving the scene of an accident; first-degree wanton endangerment; receiving stolen property, less than \$10,000; first-degree PFO.
- Robert Becknell, second-degree burglary; theft by unlawful taking, more than \$500.
- Jeremy Cheney, second-degree burglary; alcohol intoxication; second-degree disorderly conduct.

Grand-jury indictments

- The Jessamine County grand jury convened Wednesday, Jan. 25, and returned the following results in open court Friday, Jan. 27:
- Robert Schmutte Jr., theft by deception, less than \$10,000.
 - Jaminson Ratliff, fourth-degree assault, domestic violence; first-degree fleeing or evading.
 - Joshua Cilinceon, receiving stolen property, less than \$10,000.
 - Michael Smith, two counts of first-degree criminal mischief; second-degree persistent felony offender (PFO).
 - Jerry Russell, operating a motor vehicle under the influ-

- ence; operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license; first-degree possession of a controlled substance; first-degree PFO.
- Ronald Jolly, disregarding a stop sign; operating a motor vehicle under the influence; operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree PFO.
- Christopher Holland, receiving stolen property; receiving stolen property, less than \$10,000; second-degree PFO.
- Kimberly Smith, fraudulent use of a credit card, less than \$10,000.

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- Rebecca E. Stampers, 47, 135 Blake Lane, Wilmore, was arrested Feb. 3 on Edgewood Drive and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Tyler Gadberry, 18, 205 Colonial Drive, Versailles, was arrested Feb. 4 on North 4th Street and charged with reckless driving and second-degree fleeing or evading police.
- William B. Kelley, 34, of 306 Whispering Brook Drive, was arrested Feb. 4 on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Tyler Barbee, 21, 3200 Loch Ness Drive No. 37, Lexington, was arrested Feb. 4 at Walmart and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place.
- Cory T. Wade, 28, 102 E. Edgewood Drive, was arrested Feb. 5 on Corman Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- William F. Harris, 61, 396 Chimney Rock Rd., Harrodsburg, was arrested Feb. 7 on U.S. 27 and charged with speeding 16 mph over the limit and reckless driving.
- Cody R. White, 19, 2845 Palumbo Drive, was arrested at Walmart on Feb. 9 and charged with theft by unlawful taking.

- James D. Campbell, 45, 94 Griffin Drive, was arrested Feb. 10 at Tates Creek Road and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, drug unspecified.
- Christopher R. Napier, 39, 121 Lincoln St., was arrested Feb. 13 at North Main Street and Oak Street and charged with operating motor vehicle under the influence, aggravated circumstances; driving on a DUI-suspended license; and insufficient headlamps.
- John W. Preston, 50, 250 Williamsburg, was arrested Feb. 13 on the Nicholasville Bypass and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Bryan E. Foster, 28, 502 Water St., was arrested Feb. 13 on West Maple Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Brenda Brooks, 51, 1530 Phillips Road, was arrested Feb. 13 on North Main Street and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place.
- Alejandro Esteban Mendez, 28, 1040 Cross Key, Apt. 18, Lexington, was arrested Feb. 10 at U.S. 27 and Ashgrove Road and charged with speeding 80 mph in a 55

- mph zone, DUI, improper display of registration plates, possession of open container in a vehicle, no operator’s license, and no insurance.
- Lowell E. Gambrel, 49, 1041 Kees Road, Lexington, was arrested Feb. 8 at 640 Ediloud Drive and charged with alcohol intoxication.
- Charlotte G. Brown, 51, 500 Beauford Place No. 77, was arrested Feb. 8 at 122 Edgewood Drive and charged with public intoxication.
- Ricky D. Peel, 37, 5301 Sugar Creek Pike, was arrested Feb. 12 at Edgewood Drive and charged with operating on a suspended license and no insurance.
- Jennifer L. Sweeney, 31, 127 Florence Court, was arrested Feb. 2 at 1024 North Main St. (Walmart) and charged with theft by unlawful taking — shoplifting.
- Natasha Hugie, 23, 1188 Durham Lane, was arrested Feb. 10 at Durham Lane and charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury.
- Morris Gill, 22, 221 Maple Leaf Lane, was arrested Feb. 7 at East Chestnut Street and South York and charged with improper start from a parked position and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

A1: WARRANTS

transports because more and more people are being picked up than normally would be,” Peel said. “But the sheriff (Kevin Corman) and I agree it’s more efficient and with less chance of an error happening that can happen with paper warrants.”

E-warrants have been implemented in almost all 120 counties in Kentucky and have become a reliable means of communication

between county departments, Peel said.

Unfortunately, the e-warrant system has caused some financial burden for both the jail and the sheriff’s department. For the jail, it is a concern over guards attending to the medical needs of inmates, Sallee said. For the sheriff’s office, it is a concern over the transportation of inmates who were served an e-warrant in another county or in Jessamine and are being transferred, Peel said. Both agencies have said they

have found ways to maintain until they can increase their budget.

“Since I’ve been here, I’ve cut regular overtime,” Sallee said. “Still, there are some expenses that cannot be helped. But we have some ideas in the works for the future.”

As far as transportation, the sheriff’s department has outsourced some inmate transfers to a private company, which Peel said saves the taxpayers a lot of money while not limiting the department’s manpower.

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One injured Tuesday in US 27 crash

By Benjamin S. Rossi
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A three-vehicle collision injured one person and caused a short delay for commuters headed north and south on U.S. 27 Tuesday morning. Nicholasville police said the driver of a red Ford Ranger clipped a silver sedan on U.S. 27 (Lexington Road) near Howard Street.

The silver car spun out and struck a white Nissan; all three cars were damaged in the accident and towed from the scene. The driver of the white vehicle was transported to an area medical center.

“The Ranger was at fault,” officer Kevin Grimes said. “I’m not sure what the report will say in the



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A silver sedan was damaged in a crash Tuesday morning on Lexington Road.

end, but the Ranger failed to yield to the right of way. Obviously, the cars on 27 have the right of way.”

Grimes did not comment on the condition of the driver sent to the hospital or if the early-morning

rain was a factor but did say that to his knowledge there were only minor injuries.

Man from Wilmore finalist for MLB contest

Journal staff report
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Wilmore native Joshua Descoteaux is one of 50 finalists to be a contestant in the 2012 Major League Baseball Fan Cave, a concept that started last year and mixes baseball with music, popular culture, media, interactive technology and art. More than 22,000 people entered the contest.

Through Wednesday, Feb. 22, fans can view video submissions from all 50 applicants on MLBFanCave.com and vote for their favorites.

Major League Baseball will select 30 finalists based on fan voting, quality of the original submissions, and the ability of the contestants to generate buzz and interest in their campaigns. The 30 finalists will earn a trip to spring training in Arizona at the end of February, where they will compete in a variety of challenges to determine the final group of contestants. These winners will begin the season in the MLB Fan Cave with the goal of watching all 2,430 MLB games on a large wall of big-screen Sony televisions while chronicling their experiences online through

videos, blogs and social media. Along the way, they will compete with one another over the course of the season in a series of challenges, with fans online helping

decide who gets to stay in the Fan Cave and who gets eliminated with one eventual winner crowned before the end of the World Series.

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Food pick-up planned for Feb. 16 at pantry

Journal staff report
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Eligible families can pick up food at the Jessamine County Food Pantry on Feb. 16 at the Nicholasville Christian Church from 4-6 p.m..

Food is supplied free of charge to the recipients and comes from God’s Pantry. Food is purchased by the JCFP with funds provided by generous people and organizations with connections to Jessamine County. Some commodities are also provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at no cost.

The local pantry must keep strict records.

“It hurts when we have to send someone home without food,” said Ramona Lee, director of the pantry, “but people come without proper

identification.”
Recipients must present a picture identification card and proof that they are residents of Jessamine County.

“Some of our clients have just moved to the county and haven’t had time to get their drivers’ license updated,” Lee said. “In that case, they also need to bring a bill or some proof of residency. The same policy applies to people who pick up food for family and friends, plus a note authorizing that.”

The Jessamine County Food Pantry is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization, which means that contributions are tax deductible. Some donors have doubled their contributions since their employer had a policy of matching donations.

The pantry is located at 104 S. 2nd St.

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WEST JESSAMINE GIRLS' SOCCER

West's Lockridge signs with Kentucky soccer

By Jonathan Stark
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The first member of the West Jessamine girls' soccer team's "Fab Four" has signed a national letter of intent.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, senior Maddie Lockridge signed with the University of Kentucky.

"I think (Kentucky) has a top-notch coaching staff, and it just seemed like a really good fit for me," Lockridge said. "I like that it's close by and my parents can come watch me play."

Lockridge was the Colts' leading scorer this season, finding the net 24 times in 28 games. She also had six assists in her senior campaign, helping West to a 19-7-2 record, a district championship, and a region

championship. The team advanced to the semifinals of the state tournament for the first time in school history.

Lockridge was named second-team all-state as a senior.

"She had a great season and great career," West Jessamine coach Kevin Wright said during the signing. "(She's) always had high character, been very coachable, very competitive; she holds high standards in the classroom and on the field ... UK's very lucky to have her as a part of its team, and she's going to do great things there. (She's) always been a leader for our team and our young people."

During her junior season, Lockridge scored 16 goals and dishd out eight assists.

In her sophomore season,

she scored seven goals and had 13 assists, was named MVP of the Colt Classic Championship game and named to the all-region tournament team.

In 2008, her freshman season, she scored three goals and handed out two assists. She helped the team to a district and regional championship and was named MVP of the Colt Classic Championship team.

During her four years, West went 67-18-9 overall; she recorded 50 goals and 29 assists.

Lockridge was almost more decorated off the field than on it.

She is ranked third in her class, is an AP scholar with honors, a DAR scholarship recipi-

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West Jessamine senior Maddie Lockridge (second from left) signed with the University of Kentucky on Feb. 7. She is pictured above with, from left, West coach Kevin Wright; her parents, Jennie and Tom; and her brother, Sam.

NICHOLASVILLE-JESSAMINE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Rec inducts nine into Hall of Fame

By Jonathan Stark
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Nicholasville-Jessamine County Parks and Recreation inducted nine members into the Jessamine County Youth Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday.

The 2012 class includes Paul Bingham, James Graham, Johnny Dale Hager, Jeff Moberly, Bill Sandlin, Darrell Squires, Flo Walker, Mike Wheeler, and Bobby Day Wilson.

- Bingham has been a fixture at local basketball courts throughout the county, providing instruction, guidance and even refreshments as a volunteer.

- Graham was involved with the Jessamine County youth football program for more than 10 years and the youth basketball league for nearly 20. He has also coached softball for more than two decades and is a player favorite on the softball field.

- Hager has coached football, baseball, and basketball in multiple divisions and levels over the last 30 years. He also worked for the parks and rec department during the 1990s and "has been instrumental in developing and strengthening youth sports" in the county, parks and rec director Duane McCuddy said.

- Moberly spent 1993-2000 coaching baseball before moving behind the plate to umpire in 2001. He is a current member of the Jessamine County Youth Baseball Board. Moberly has coached basketball since 1996 and has been instrumental in developing youth bowling in the county. He is currently the boys' bowling coach at West Jessamine High School. In 2010, he was named 2010 Horse Capital Bowling Conference Coach of the Year.
- Sandlin coached football, basket-



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The 2012 class of the Nicholasville Park and Recreation Hall of Fame was inducted on Saturday. The nine members of this years class are pictured above. In front from left are Bobby Day Wilson; Bill Sandlin; Paul Bingham Sr.; Flo Walker; Brenda Wheeler, wife of the late Chief Mike Wheeler; and Johnny Dale Hager. In back are Darrell Squires, Jeff Moberly and James Graham.

ball and baseball from 1986-2001 winning 12 championships. He is currently the clock operator for the East Jessamine High School basketball games.

- Squires coached youth baseball from 1997-2004 and has since been an umpire and served on the JCYB board. He has coached in the basketball league since 2000 and is currently coaching two teams.
- Walker helped bring the softball

and girls' basketball programs up to date and coached Jessamine County High School. "Flo has been a vital part of the girls' programs in Jessamine County," McCuddy said.

- Wheeler passed away in 1993 but left a lasting mark on area sports. He coached his three children (Gerald, Mikey and Ashley) in youth basketball, tee-ball, baseball and football. "It is an honor to induct Chief Mike Wheeler into our Parks and Recreation Hall of

Fame," McCuddy said. Wheeler's wife Brenda and his three children were on hand to accept the award.

- Wilson's coaching career dates back to the late 1960s, when he taught school and coached golf, track and field, baseball, and football. Wilson helped get the youth league football program started in the late '60s and early '70s and coached until the mid-'80s. He has served as a magistrate for 18 years.

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WEST JESSAMINE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Colts fall in heartbreaker

The West Jessamine boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaker in overtime on Tuesday night, falling to Pulaski County 90-85 in overtime.

The Colts (16-12) held a five-point lead with 3:26 remaining in regulation before the Maroons cut the lead to two with a three-pointer. A pair of free throws just inside of two minutes tied the game at 72-72. Pulaski took a 75-74 lead on a basket with 1:15 remaining, but Daulton Peters responded at the other end with a trey to put the Colts ahead by two with 59 seconds left in regulation.

Pulaski was able to get to the basket and score on a layup, giving West 30 seconds to break the 77-77 tie. Chase Fain took a three-pointer at the buzzer, but his shot was off the mark.

The Maroons took a 79-77 lead in the first second of overtime and never gave up the lead. West was outscored 13-8 in the extra four minutes.

West Jessamine had Will Henderson on the court for the first time since Jan. 20. Henderson, who was returning from an ankle injury, was very effective in 36 minutes. He scored 12 points and dishd out eight assists.

The Colts handled Pulaski most of

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WEST JESSAMINE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Conner scores 15 in final home game

By Jonathan Stark
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Just hours after signing with Midway College to continue her basketball career, West Jessamine senior Erin Conner played in her final home game last Thursday, Feb. 9.

Conner scored 15 points but West could not hold on to beat Estill County, losing 72-62.

"I just wish we could have got a win for her here at her last home game," West Jessamine coach Stephen Greene said.

West got off to one of its best starts of the season, playing a solid first 10 minutes against the Lady Engineers. The Lady Colts held an early 9-0 lead before Estill climbed back into the game and took control 17-16 heading into the second quarter.

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WEST JESSAMINE GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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West senior Erin Conner shook hands with Midway College girls' basketball coach Karley Mohler at her signing on Feb. 9. Conner is pictured with her parents Jim and Dede Conner (standing) and West girls' coach Stephen Greene (seated at right).

West's Conner signs with Midway

By Jonathan Stark
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It's been five years since a girls' basketball player from West Jessamine signed with a college, but senior Erin Conner made it look easy when she signed with Midway College last

Thursday.

"They've been trying to (sign me) since the summer, and we've been kind of going back and forth, and they offered me a good deal, and I liked the school so I took it," Conner said.

Conner, the lone senior on the team, has played for West since she was

in the sixth grade, when she played on the freshman team. Conner made varsity by the time she was in the eighth grade. She had played under four different head coaches and countless assistant coaches. During the seven-

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S W I M M I N G



PHOTO BY JONATHAN STARK/JSTARK@JESSAMINEJOURNAL.COM
West Jessamine senior Chance Barney competed in the boys’ 100-yard backstroke Friday. Barney had a time of 1:01.41 in his preliminary heat.

Three swimmers, two relays headed to state swim meet

Jessamine County will send three individuals and two relay teams to the state swimming and diving meet in Louisville later this month.

On Friday, East and West Jessamine high schools competed in the regional meet at Falling Springs in Versailles.

West Jessamine’s Reid Allen, Britt Fugmann and the boys’ 200-yard medley relay all qualified for state. The boys’ 200-yard freestyle team will be an alternate.

East Jessamine’s Josh Adams also qualified for state. The freshman placed fourth in the boys’ 100-yard butterfly. As a school, East placed 14th in the region out of 18 schools.

Allen, a senior at West,

placed second in the boys’ 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.17. As a junior, Allen competed in the 100-yard breaststroke at state.

Fugmann qualified for state in two events — girls’ 50-yard freestyle and girls’ 100-yard freestyle.

In the 50-yard freestyle, the freshman came in third place with a time of 25.57 seconds, beating her preliminary time of 26.05.

Fugmann also took third place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 56.28, once again beating her prelim time of 56.95.

Overall, the Lady Colts placed 11th out of 18 schools with 35 points.

The Colts’ 200-yard medley

relay team placed fifth with a time of 1:50.71. The team is made up of Michael Peck (eighth grade), Reid Allen (senior), Chance Barney (senior) and Wyatt Lamb (sophomore).

The 200-yard freestyle team placed sixth with a time of 1:39.24 and was edged out by Fort Knox by .12. The squad is made up of Barney, Austin Pasch (freshman), Lamb, and Allen.

The West boys placed sixth out of 18 schools with a combined 89 points.

The 2012 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA State Swimming and Diving Meet will be Feb. 23-25 at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the campus of the University of Louisville.

B1: LOCKRIDGE

ent, a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club where she serves as the secretary, a member of Teens Against Tobacco Use (T.A.T.U.), and is a teacher’s aid.

She has also been a member of the Lexington Futbol Club

for nine years and is a competitive dancer at Diana Evans School of Dance, winning numerous regional and national awards.

Lockridge will join former West Jessamine teammate Arin Gilliland who just completed her freshman season at UK.

Lockridge says she looks forward to being a part of the

team next season.

“UK’s such a big sports school and I can tell that all the athletes are pretty close ... and I think it’s going to be a lot of fun and will keep me working hard and focused,” she said.

Lockridge has not decided on a major but is considering sports broadcast or sports management.

B1: CONNER

year span she played in more than 150 games. During her five years on varsity, the Lady Colts went 25-87.

Conner said playing at West has taught her how to go through

different things and adapt to new and different situations.

“Midway is close to home, and I’m very family oriented, so that played a big part in it,” Conner said. “I liked the coaching; I really like the way they coach; I like the way the team is run.”

Conner plans on studying special education.

Midway is in the midst of a 4-21 season.

The last Lady Colt who signed with a college to play basketball was Katie Bailey in 2007; she graduated from Berea College last May.

B1: LADY COLTS

West hung around through the first few minutes of the period, but Estill pulled away in the final five minutes before the half and led 37-28 at the intermission.

Junior Shelby Hawkins went down in the second quarter with a left ankle injury; she would not return.

“(At the half we told them) that they needed to play better defense, move their feet and communicate more,” Greene said. “They definitely came out in the third quarter and did that; we just didn’t carry that into the fourth quarter.”

Coming out of halftime, West Jessamine went on a 14-0 run to retake the lead 42-37. During the run, sophomore Ashlee Rose scored 11 points and Conner knocked down a three-pointer.

West ended up outscoring Estill 25-10 in the quarter and held a 53-47 lead going into the final eight minutes.

However, Estill went to the free-throw line 23 times in the final quarter and converted on 18 of those attempts to retake the lead with 3:27 remaining.

“We got tired, and losing Shelby with her ankle hurt a lot. We need a little bit more from our bench to step up,” Greene said.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN STARK/JSTARK@JESSAMINEJOURNAL.COM
West Jessamine senior Erin Conner took a jump shot from the top of the key last Thursday against Estill County.

The Lady Colts were outscored 25-9 in the fourth quarter to suffer the 10-point loss.

Rose finished with 20 points

for West.

The Lady Colts end their regular season Friday at George Rogers Clark at 7:30 p.m.

B1: COLTS

the night, leading by as many as nine points in the third quarter.

Overall, Pulaski led for only one minute and 55 seconds of regulation. West led for all but four minutes and 29 seconds of the game.

Peters scored a team-high 29 points and collected six rebounds. Jeff Ziemann scored

16 points, and Fain scored 11 and had eight assists.

West hit 11 three-pointers and shot 30-for-61 from the field.

The Colts wrap up the regular season Thursday night, hosting Dunbar at 7:30 p.m. Seniors DeShawn Eubanks, Heath Jackson and Jeff Ziemann will be recognized along with seniors from the cheerleading squad and dance team.

West Jessamine 67 Wayne County 60

West Jessamine ended a two-game skid Friday by defeating Wayne County 67-60.

Heath Jackson, Daulton Peters and Chase Fain were all in double figures for the Colts as they came back from a halftime deficit and withstood a late charge by the Cardinals.

West started to lose ground in the second quarter, falling behind by as many as nine points. Down 23-14 with 4:10 remaining in the first half, Fain knocked down a basket and one to cut the lead to six. Free throws by Peters and Jeff Ziemann cut the lead to three points, and another basket by Fain made it a one-point game at 23-22 with a minute to go in the half. Wayne County was able to get a little bit of the lead back and go into the locker room at halftime up 27-22.


Peters opened the third quarter with a pair of baskets to cut the lead down to one point almost immediately, and Fain scored with 5:55 remaining in the third quarter to give West its first lead since an 8-7 advantage in the first quarter.

The two squads traded the lead for the next few minutes before a field goal by DeShawn Eubanks gave West the lead for good. The senior hit a two-point er to give West a 34-33 lead with 3:54 remaining in the third quarter. Peters scored the next four points as West began to pull away. The Colts went up by as many as 13 points before taking a 49-39 lead into the fourth quarter.


West maintained the double-digit lead until the 6:13 mark of the fourth. Wayne cut to the lead to eight points and then down to five on a huge three-pointer. The Cardinals were within four points with 1:16 to go, but West hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to hold on for the win.

The Colts shot 25-for-29 from the free-throw line on the night and 19-for-47 from the field.

Jackson finished with 21 points, three steals and two rebounds. Peters scored 13 points, and Fain scored 13 and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.





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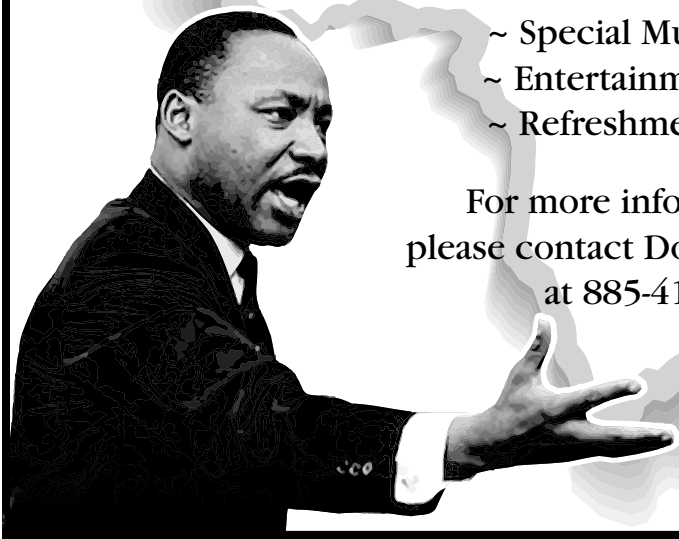
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EAST JESSAMINE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Jaguars down Somerset, North Laurel

By Jonathan Stark
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East Jessamine remained perfect in Region 12 play after defeating Somerset 84-77 on Tuesday night. The Jaguars are now 23-4 overall, 12-0 in the region, and have won 12 straight games.

East Jessamine 78
North Laurel 67

North Laurel didn't make it easy at times, but East Jessamine came away with its 11th win in a row on Friday, defeating North 78-67.

A balanced attack that put five East players in double figures and some lock-down defense when it was needed the most helped East to the win.

"The kids are playing unselfish still, and that's been key for us. They make the extra passes, and they're looking for each other," East coach Chris O'Bryan said of the offense.

Points were hard to come by early on as East didn't get its first basket until the 4:34 mark of the first quarter — a two-pointer by Cody Collins. The bucket ignited a 14-3 run for East as it jumped out to a 14-4 lead. The defense let up a bit in the final minute of the quarter, but East held a 16-10 lead after the first period.

Ronnie Carson scored seven points in the first quarter coming off the bench and would end up being East's leading scorer with 18 points on the night.

East continued to push the lead in the second quarter as CJ Boyd scored six points. The East Jags held their largest lead of the quarter 27-16 at the four-minute mark before North Laurel mounted its comeback.

Over the next three and a half minutes, North outscored East 14-3, East's only points coming on a technical free throw and a basket by Michael Rexroat. The North Jags were able to tie the game 30-30 with 33 seconds remaining in the half.

"We're trying to put a few different wrinkles in our defense, and it worked the other night in the second half against Dunbar, and tonight it didn't (work)," O'Bryan said. "It's a matter of getting kids to understand their rotations, and we're learning. I don't think we played our best by any means, but again, we still have a little time to work on that."

Rexroat knocked down another basket to break the tie in East's favor, and Carson followed with a pair of free throws to push the lead back out to four points. Rexroat converted two free throws just before the half to give East a 36-30 lead heading into the break.

Rexroat scored six points in the quarter and 14 for the game.

Coming out of the break, Rexroat and Boyd knocked down back-to-back shots to push the East lead back to 10 points. East's defense and offense got back to top form in the period, and the East Jags were able to outscore North 17-10 and take a 53-40 advantage into the final eight minutes.

"Once they settle down and realize that they don't have to do things out of necessity and just play the way they're capable of playing, they play a lot better," O'Bryan said. "They did that in the second half and as a result, they knocked some shots down and got some open



PHOTO BY JONATHAN STARK/JSTARK@JESSAMINEJOURNAL.COM
East Jessamine freshman Ronnie Carson penetrated and put up a contested shot down low against North Laurel on Friday night. Carson finished with a team-high 18 points in the East win.

looks, played a lot better." North Laurel was able to trim the lead to as few as seven points with just over three minutes to go, but East held off a comeback to get the win. Boyd was instrumental on East's defense, coming up with a team-high eight steals. Collins, who came up with two big baskets in the fourth quarter when North had cut the lead to seven, finished the night with 14 points. Tashan Hairston was held to just one point in the first half but was a major contributor in the third quarter, scoring eight points including two three-pointers. He finished the night with 11 points. "I thought Tashan played a much better second half; he wasn't forcing things," O'Bryan said. East will hold its senior night Thursday against Model at 6 p.m. The Jaguars close out the regular season Friday at Danville at 7:30 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

District tournament starts Monday at Mercer County

The basketball regular season ends for the county on Friday night with the West Jessamine girls at George Rogers Clark and the East Jessamine boys at Danville.

Come Monday and Tuesday, it's do or die time for both schools.

This year's 46th District tournament is at Mercer County High School. Both girls' teams will play on Monday, and the boys will play on Tuesday.

The East Jessamine girls drew the No. 4 seed after an 0-6 record in the district. The Lady Jaguars are 3-23 overall and will face No. 1 seed Mercer County on Monday at 6 p.m. Mercer won both regular season meetings beating East 65-28 on Jan. 2, and 70-15 on Jan. 27.

The West Jessamine girls finished the regular season with a 2-4 mark in the district — both wins coming against East Jessamine — and will be the No. 3 seed in the tournament. The Lady Colts will play No. 2 Burgin on Monday at 7:45 p.m. Burgin edged West 51-46 on Jan. 23 and 62-47 on Dec. 22. The

Lady Colts are 5-21 overall. It came down to the last district game of the year, but the West Jessamine boys' loss to East Jessamine on Feb. 3 gave West the No. 2 seed. The Colts will play Burgin on Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. The Bulldogs have had a breakout year, going 19-4 in non-district games, but are 1-3 against district opponents. The lone win was against Mercer County. West Jessamine went 3-2 in district games, beating Mercer twice and Burgin once, a 78-66 win on Jan. 30.

East Jessamine (23-4) will be the No. 1 seed in the district tournament for the second year in a row. The Jags play host Mercer on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. East won the two regular-season meetings against the Titans 78-63 on Jan. 27 and 82-72 on Dec. 13. Mercer is the reigning district champion, but has struggled this season, going 1-5 in the district and 9-19 overall.

East Jessamine is looking for its first district crown, having lost in the championship seven times in school history and three times in the last four seasons.

B1: LADY JAGS

scored six points in the second quarter and was held scoreless the rest of the night.

Day and Madison Collins each finished with five points. East will honor seniors Collins and Loren Mason on Thursday prior to the Model game at 7:30 p.m.



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Education briefs



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EKU student Erik Wilson of Nicholasville presented research in Frankfort at the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol event.

EKU student from N'ville presents poster at Capitol

Erik Wilson of Nicholasville was among 26 Eastern Kentucky University students who presented research at the annual Posters-at-the-Capitol event in Frankfort.

The statewide event is designed to celebrate the research, scholarly and creative accomplishments of undergraduates at Kentucky's public universities and provide legislators with an opportunity to better understand the importance of faculty-mentored undergraduate scholarship. Poster presentations were sought from undergraduates in all disciplinary areas.

The students spoke one-on-one to district legislators about their specific projects, conveying the importance of undergraduate research in the commonwealth. Governor Beshear also proclaimed the day as "Undergraduate Research Day" in Kentucky.

Wilson, mentored by Ben Freed, coordinator of EKU's Anthropology Program, titled the poster "Monitoring Howling Monkey Ranging Behavior Using Vocalizations in Ometepe, Nicaragua."

NES celebrates attendance

Nicholasville Elementary staff and students celebrated the '50s Friday during the district's "Count Me In Week." The school's theme for the week was "Top the Charts with Great Attendance." Counselor Renee Hager dressed as Elvis and visited classrooms with perfect atten-

dance Friday to say "Thank you very much."

MCU to host financial-aid sessions

Mid-Continent University will host free information sessions on financial aid at the Jessamine County Public Library on Friday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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East High speech team wins awards at regional tournament

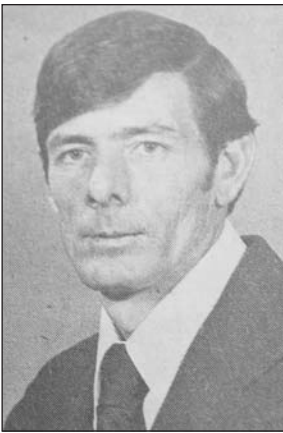
Members of the East Jessamine High School forensics team earned top honors at the Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) Bluegrass Regional Tournament. Junior Becca Banks was named regional champion in prose interpretation. Continuing their rise in the ranks, the duo-interpretation team of Aaron and Jacob Kerfoot took second in the region.

The team has two more tournaments before KHSSL state: the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association (KESDA) state tournament this weekend, and the Kentucky Catholic Forensic League District Tournament in March. Placing at the KCFL tournament could earn competitors a spot at CFL Nationals.



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Nicholasville Elementary staff dressed in 1950s attire Friday as part of the theme of "Top the Charts with Great Attendance."

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This is the second week for The Jessamine Journal's new weekly feature, "Blast from the Past." Each week, this newspaper will feature a picture of a person taken from our archives to

see if readers can identify them. This week's picture was taken from the March 15, 1979, issue. Visit the Journal's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JessamineJournal to guess who it is.

Nicholasville 10-year-old sets new world record for star jumps

Ten-year-old Joey McFarland of Nicholasville has been officially awarded the Guinness World Records record for the most star jumps in one minute.

With more than 100 witnesses present Oct. 30, 2011, at Xcel Sport Science & Fitness in Lexington, McFarland broke the previous record of 61 star jumps in one minute with 65 star jumps in one minute. Professional baseball player Austin Kearns and Southland Christian Church pastor Jon Weece served as independent witnesses and signed witness statements for Guinness World Records.

The record is for star jumps and not simply jumping jacks. To perform a star jump, one must jump off the ground into the air, with legs apart and straight arms raised above the horizontal, forming a star shape as a result. Upon landing, knees must bend so that the hands touch the floor.

McFarland set his sights on



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Joey McFarland, 10, broke a world record for star jumps in October.

breaking the world record in February after reading the Guinness World Records Book. Following the approval of the Guinness World Records application in July, he immediately began training for the attempt. In addition to more

than 10 hours of competitive gymnastics training and twice a week at baseball practices and games, McFarland trained weekly with his trainer, former University of Kentucky football player Ellery Moore, to prepare for his attempt.

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